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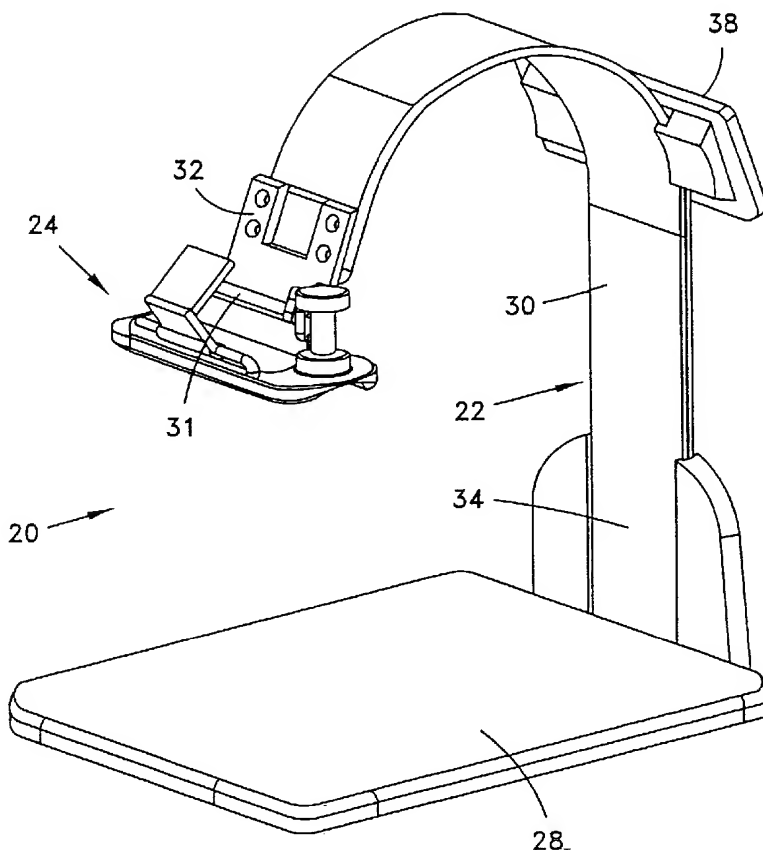
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(54) Title: APPARATUS FOR SEALING A PUNCTURE IN A BLOOD VESSEL



(57) Abstract: An apparatus (20) for sealing a puncture in a blood vessel is disclosed having a tissue-confining device (24) for compressing tissue in the vicinity of the puncture, which longitudinally extends between a proximal end and a distal end and is connected to an adjustable artery clamp (22) for controllably applying pressure, such as by a fluid circuit, onto the blood vessel, so as to reduce the hemostatis time. The artery clamp (22) comprises in a preferred embodiment a proximal plunger (60) and a distal plunger (70) positioned upstream and downstream, respectively, to the puncture. The apparatus (20) is also suitable for treating a pseudoaneurysm.

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